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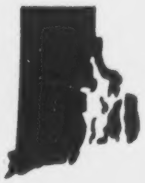

EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 2,800 IN SEPTEMBER TO 433,400

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 2,800 in September, mainly the result of seasonal gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector along with a small increase in overall Manufacturing payrolls, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 433,400 in September. This represents a gain of 2,800 from the August level of 430,600 and is 3,200 above the September 1985 figure of 430,200.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment increased by 300 from August to September. However, the current figure of 120,700 is 400 below the year ago total of 121,100. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment level of 82,800 was up 300 on both a monthly and an annual basis. The Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,900 showed no change in the August-September period, but was down 700 compared to September 1985.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly gain was registered in Jewelry-Silverware (+200), followed by upturns of 100 jobs each in Transportation Equipment and Instruments. Employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment declined by 100 from August to September, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. Compared to a year ago, the most substantial payroll increases (+300 each) occurred in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing category and Lumber/Furniture.

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our twelve local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For more than fifty years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans — and Rhode Islanders — working; a dependable community source of qualified applicants for Rhode Island employers.

Now is the time to list your holiday hiring needs with the Job Service. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265) or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. Thank you.

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending September 30, 1986, must be filed by October 31, 1986, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, ...847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
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WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
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WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Total Placements	2,495	3,095	2,112
New Applications	4,225	3,872	3,348
New Openings Rec'd.	3,602	3,960	3,195

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	% Change Aug. 1986
Initial Claims	5,155	6,771	- 23.9
No. of Payments	37,771	41,793	- 9.6
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,592,925	$ 5,121,678	- 10.3
Exhaustions	825	834	- 1.1

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Initial Claims	2,890	3,131	3,107
No. of Payments	24,845	23,980	21,927
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,551,303	$ 3,295,320	$ 2,806,265

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	508.9	508.4	501.6
Unemployment	17.0	17.0	20.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.3	4.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.9	3.3	4.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	327.4	325.7	322.8
Unemployment	10.9	13.0	14.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	4.0	4.6

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	166.1	162.9	164.9
Unemployment	7.1	8.3	8.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	5.1	5.0

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1986	July 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	35,970	35,840	34,810
Unemployment	840	900	1,145
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.3	2.5	3.3

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 18-22, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	12,276	100.0
Men	5,673	46.2
Under 45	3,945	69.5
45 and over	1,728	30.5
Women	6,603	53.8
Under 45	4,256	64.5
45 and over	2,347	35.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	491	4.0
Manufacturing	5,856	47.7
Public Utilities	855	7.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,946	15.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	346	2.8
Service	2,128	17.3
All Other	654	5.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,582	12.9
Clerical and Sales	2,892	23.6
Service	1,255	10.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	91	0.7
Processing	382	3.1
Machine Trades	1,346	11.0
Bench Work	2,128	17.3
Structural Work	1,019	8.3
Miscellaneous	1,528	12.5
INA	53	0.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	433.4	430.6	430.2	+ 2800	+ 3200
MANUFACTURING	120.7	120.4	121.1	+ 300	- 400
NONMANUFACTURING	312.7	310.2	309.1	+ 2500	+ 3600
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.7	16.7	16.3	-	+ 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.5	14.3	13.9	+ 200	+ 600
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	96.4	96.0	94.7	+ 400	+ 1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.9	23.5	- 100	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	104.9	103.3**	104.0	+ 1600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	56.4**	56.0	56.7**	+ 400	- 300

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1985	Sept. 1986	Sept. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.7	120.4	121.1	+300	- 400	323.58	305.92	40.6	40.2	7.97	7.61
DURABLE GOODS	82.8	82.5	82.5	+300	+300	324.77	305.20	40.8	40.0	7.96	7.63
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.1	3.1	2.8	-	+300	378.80	350.96	40.6	41.0	9.33	8.56
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	404.67	382.70	41.0	40.8	9.87	9.38
PRIMARY METALS	5.9	5.9	5.9	-	-	394.25	371.78	42.9	42.2	9.19	8.81
FABRICATED METALS	9.7	9.7	9.6	-	+100	302.54	278.80	40.5	40.7	7.47	6.85
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.6*	5.6*	5.6	-	-	432.72	415.86	44.2	44.1	9.79	9.43
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.1	-	+100	302.25	279.55	40.3	38.4	7.50	7.28
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.8	9.7	9.8	+100	-	422.24	417.56	40.6	40.5	10.40	10.31
INSTRUMENTS	5.6*	5.5*	5.6*	+100	-	325.08	304.96	42.0	41.1	7.74	7.42
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.0	22.8	23.4	+200	- 400	254.23	246.41	40.1	39.3	6.34	6.27
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.2	6.3	5.9	- 100	+300	249.51	232.54	35.9	34.4	6.95	6.76
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	37.9	38.6	-	- 700	319.60	307.34	40.0	40.6	7.99	7.57
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.3	3.4	+100	-	272.54	252.75	37.8	37.5	7.21	6.74
TEXTILES	10.8	10.7	10.8	+100	-	290.19	290.49	40.5	42.1	7.18	6.90
APPAREL	3.4	3.3	3.4	+100	-	279.22	264.62	41.8	40.9	6.68	6.47
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	2.7	-	+100	308.48	268.92	41.8	40.5	7.38	6.64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.5	6.5	6.4	-	+100	422.78	410.42	38.4	39.2	11.01	10.47
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.2	-	- 400	433.54	402.75	40.9	40.6	10.60	9.92
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	-	-	333.22	320.08	41.6	41.3	8.01	7.75
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.5	5.6	-300	- 400	315.97	321.31	40.2	41.3	7.86	7.78
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.4	-	- 100	215.90	211.07	38.9	38.8	5.55	5.44

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Also up from their year ago job levels were Fabricated Metals and Electrical Machinery (+100 each). In contrast, annual employment declines were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (-400) and Stone-Clay-Glass (-100), while the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change compared to a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly advances of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Textiles and Apparel were offset by a decrease of 300 in Plastics Products. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from last month. On an annual comparison, payroll gains of 100 each were recorded in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing. For the twelve month period, notable job declines of 400 each were reported in Chemical Products and Plastics Products, followed by an annual downturn of 100 in Leather Products. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from September 1985.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector rose by 2,500 from August to September, largely the result of seasonal hiring in Service, Trade and Government. The current Nonmanufacturing total of 312,700 is 3,600 jobs greater than the year ago employment level of 309,100.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+1,600) was registered in Service, primarily due to education-related employment gains. At 104,900, this segment was 900 above the level recorded a year earlier. Trade payrolls advanced 400 for the month rising to 96,400, which was up 1,700 compared to a year ago. Despite the effects of a teacher strike, seasonal gains in state and local educ al institutions led to a monthly gain of 400 in overall Government employment; however, the current job total of 56,400 is 300 less than the September 1985 level. Employment in Transportation and Public Utilities, at 14,500, reflected a monthly advance of 200 and an annual increase of 600. Contract Construction, at 16,700, showed no change from last month while Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,800, was down 100 during the August-September period. Nevertheless, compared to a year ago, the former expanded by 400 and the latter gained 300 jbos.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose by 2 cents to $7.97 in mid-September; this represents a gain of 36 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in September to 40.6 hours, which was also 0.4 of an hour more than the September 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in September amounted to $323.58, representing a gain of $3.19 from last month and $17.66 from the same month a year ago.

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